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Meeting Minutes
Iowa State Interoperable Communications System Board
June 9, 2016
West Des Moines City Hall
4200 Mills Civic Parkway
West Des Moines, Iowa

Meeting called to order by Chair Lampe at 10:35 am

Conference telephone line was opened for public listening and comment, and for Board members who found it impractical to attend in person.

Voting Members in Attendance: Ellen Hagen, Bob Younie, Jason Leonard, Ted Kamatchus, Patrick Updike, Tom Lampe, John Benson, Linda Frederiksen, Jeff Swearngin, Denise Pavlik, David Ness, Kelly Groskurth, Carole Lund-Smith

Members via conference line: Brian Dreiling representing Bob von Wolffradt, Andy Buffington, Deb Krebill

Non-Voting: SWIC Craig Allen by Phone, Helen Troyanovich, Outreach Specialist Shawn Wagner

Absent: Michael Kasper

Guests: Shweta Agrahari, Iowa Communications Network (ICN); Jontell Harris, ICN; Sandy Morris, Des Moines PD; Stephen Rodriquez, ICN; Melvin Mercado, Motorola; Shari Schmitz, Motorola; Rob Dehnert, Westcom; Rob Koppert, Cass Co 911; Brian Krumm, JVC Kenwood; Duane Vos, RACOM; Marty Smith, IDPH; Kevin Condon, IA Communications Alliance; Cindi Fox, DPS Communications; Tom Reis, State RACES Officer; Bill McCall, Story Co ARES; Clint Miller, Story Co ARES; Mike Harvey, Iowa DOT; Steven Ray, DPS; Brian Noble, ICN; Doug McCasland, Warren Co 911; Jerry Green, DOT; Amanda Roush, Story Co E911; Ryan Smith IDPH; Blake DeRouchey, Homeland Security; Terry Brennan, RACOM

Chair Lampe recognized new Board members Des Moines Police Captain David Ness and Scott [County] Emergency Communications Center Denise Pavlik.

Approval of Agenda: Ted Kamatchus made a motion to approve agenda. Bob Younie seconded this motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Linda Frederiksen made a motion to approve minutes from May 12, 2016 Board meeting. Ellen Hagen seconded this motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SWIC Report – SWIC Craig Allen reported on the following items:

- SWIC Allen participated in our ISICS LMR outreach webinars. John Benson will cover more on this in his Outreach report. He also participated in the ISICS weekly project management meetings. Strategic planning for ISICS development including several governance issues. Met with county representatives to help answer questions ISICS LMR platform and how it may relate to them and interoperability. Participated in Board managements meetings to focus on strategic plans for LMR and FirstNet. Worked on LMR letter of intent for a new user package and developed a flow chart for that same user package. Participated in the National Council of SWICs meetings on Governance and he chairs their Technology and Policy committee. Participated in P25 statement of requirements meeting and offered comments on some of their proposals. He is attending the Public Safety Communication Research (PSCR) meeting in San Diego this week. The primary focus of PCSR this time is FirstNet technologies and security opportunities along with challenges and how LTE signal will work with users sending and receiving large data transmission.
- DSWIC Troyanovich reported about the ISICSB website, in May 2016 the Office of the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) announced a change in the web development vendors and Iowa would be phasing out the contractor that ISICSB has been working with on web development. In talks with OCIO web development this week, there is a clear and concise path toward completion of our website update as well as any upcoming changes that would be made. Support from OCIO has been positive. ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Sub Committee meeting with FirstNet officials on May 3 brought news of the upcoming quality of service, priority consultation task team also known as the QPPCTT, which is derived of five members of our own broadband subcommittee and will engage with FirstNet officials in mid-August. During the summer, months will be facilitating regional QPPCTT feedback through the RIC leaders and RIC committees. The first information packets were sent out to RIC leaders on May 25, 2016 and will be coordinating with RICs and User Group Committee (UCG) over the summer so the RICs will be working with both FirstNet and the ISICSB FirstNet Broadband QPPCTT subcommittee for their feedback. During the May 3 meeting, FirstNet requested information-gathering task regarding training needs of local users and it included a list of questions for RICs to distribute. This summer will be facilitating this information gathering activity with RIC leaders, committees, and update results to the ISICSB FirstNet Broadband subcommittee and FirstNet as well.
Moving on to RIC reports which is something new in our meetings. The RIC chair role encompasses a wide variety of tasks for the ISICS Board. Besides chairing the monthly Regional Interoperability Committee meetings, the RIC chairs having a voting seat on the User Group Committee. They represent their region and they attend the User Group Committee meetings as well. They are also extended

members of the FirstNet Broadband Sub Committee and invited to participate in those monthly meetings and we have also this month added the Board meeting and report to the Board. This month was last minute for them so they decided DSWIC Troyanovich could do the reports for them. She would like to say something about each committee and that we keep the RIC leaders very busy but many of them have multiple roles in their counties and sometimes they do more than one county and may do one thing for one county and another thing for another county. Region 1, chair Rob Dehnert, vice-chair Jason Hoffman, have strong conversations on their interoperability events monthly. Rob Dehnert was offered an opportunity to address the Board and organizational opportunities with the Board. He stated they had an interesting agenda item beyond just the updates about FirstNet's progress and the state LMR platform progress. The most interesting piece of the meetings has been discussing interoperability within the region. The question he has posed to the group has been to tell us about good events that have happened, interoperability issues that they have had. There have been a number of positive discussions. Mr. Dehnert explained to the Board what RICs were doing to get the FirstNet and ISICS word out; they have tried to expand participation in the RIC. They could use more participation as there are still some counties in various regions not represented. Region 2 chair is Brian Blodgett, vice-chair is Joel Rohne and they have already done FirstNet outreach. They have seven members that meet on a monthly basis and are reaching out to build their regional committee. They are doing a face-to-face meeting with the county EMAs this summer and they have decided on meeting in Cerro Gordo.   Region 3 chair is Nate Huizenga, vice-chair is Shawn Olson. They are active monthly and meet face to face in a different county; they have a travelling RIC meeting. Region 4 chair is Doug Reed, vice-chair is Mike Jensen. They have gone through a leadership change already. Doug Reed (Pottawattamie County) reported via conference line and addressed the Board. Mr. Reed described the process Region 4 originally went through to organize their RIC. They tried to maximize and take advantage of processes they have in place in their region leveraging county Emergency Managers. They saw their biggest mission as facilitating communication from the local level up to this Board as we move different interoperability platforms and initiatives through the state of Iowa. What this Region did is elected to appoint county interoperability coordinators. These folks will be responsible for doing local outreach to all their public safety people and communications stakeholders. It was becoming clear to them that it was difficult to try to get representation from every stakeholder in a 17 county region and find a time that most everyone could be there. The have chosen to use these coordinators as the core body of their RIC and once they get their initiatives and direction from the USG, meeting will be held in conjunction with their regional emergency management and homeland security meetings. They will be providing webinar and conference call capability for all RIC meeting activities for anybody else that wants to join the conversation during their meetings. They hope that this will prove to be a good process and information flow by maximizing processes in organizations that already regularly meet and just add the critical topic of interoperability at the local, regional and state level to standardize agendas and discussions at those gatherings. DSWIC Troyanovich stated that what Mr. Reed has done is RIC 4 has created their own coordination scheme and it was shared with the other RIC leaders in one of the USG committee meetings and hopefully it will be helpful in helping some of the other RICs moving forward. Region 5 chair is Jamey Robinson and the vice-chair is Jim Mitchell. They probably hit the record last month with 22 participants in their RIC meeting.

Region 6 chair is now vacant, vice-chair Eric Dau. Have been discussing options through email as he is out of state at training right now. Will be coming up with a plan to move forward next week to fill that vacancy. They have not been meeting regularly.

E911 Council Report – Chair Ray reported they approved the final wireless carrier grants, about $350,000 total. The projects for fiscal year 16 have to be completed by June 30 and invoiced to Homeland Security by July 15. Once this is done, it effectively ends the $100,000 wireless grant program that legislative changes came out of this past session. The council took action today that they are going to also do their meetings open electronically with conference call, etc. They will proceed with that in July.

E911 Program Manager – Blake DeRouchey reported that last month they did the first version of the FAQs as it relates to the changes to 34A from the legislative session. They have updated information now posted on their HSEM website. HSEM will be doing 3 webinars, June 27, 28 and July1 to launch all of those changes going into the new fiscal year. You must register for those webinars. If anyone has not seen those links, please let Blake know and he will provide information. Webinars will be discussing the consolidation grant, changes in policies and procedures in the 911 program. In addition, Homeland Security was tasked to study consolidation and to come up with a strategic plan. Therefore, an RFP posted to DAS's website to find a vendor to help them do that. It closes July 1 and will choose a vendor after that. Once they select that vendor, they intend to engage those from all over the state to be a part of that process. So will definitely be hearing from them regarding that consolidation, strategic planning into the summer and into the fall. The report is due to the legislature January 15 so it will be kind of a quick turnaround. The more participation, the better.

User Group Committee – Chair Andy Buffington reported the UGC is trying to figure out several things at the same time. Right now is the application for ISICS inclusion. A letter of intent has been drafted that has been made available to those who have asked for it. From there what they have done is that we have to be able to provide a packet of information back to those applicants so they can get the ball rolling. Specifically the Memorandum Of Agreement, any type of resolution is going to have to be signed by any of the participating Board jurisdictions as well as some questions have to be answered regarding technical specifications. Still waiting for a representative from Motorola to be named to UGC committee so those technical questions can be answered. Also are working very closely with Bob Younie and the Governance committee on what exactly inclusion into the UGC means. Therefore, as we filling with people that are going to have access to ISICS that they would then be able to come up with some sort of application procedure for being able to be included on the User Group Committee which ultimately rests with the Board Chair.

Finance Report – Chair Kelly Groskurth reported the committee met June 7 through a conference call. They discussed the financials and the Connect Iowa contract renewal. The committee did recommend the Board approve the financials, the SLIGP grant, there is $1,201,966 left in the grant, between May 10 and June 1 we spent $30,584 of that grant. Our annual appropriation that we have received since 2013, so far, there is total revenue of $360,138 and the remaining balance in that fund is $195,797. Spent in 2016 this current fiscal year, we have spent $71,593.

Ellen Hagen made a motion to approve the financials. Bob Younie seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

The Connect Iowa contract is up for renewal and was discussed. Chair Lampe forwarded some information regarding that. Our grant funds do not appear that they will extend far enough out for us to use this for a full year. However, in reviewing that contract, although we do want legal information on this before making a determination, it appears it is an hourly-based contract and we use them as needed. It appears there are no severability clauses that are going to force us to pay out for a full year and that are what we want legal advisors to look at this contract. The committee did go ahead and recommend that we go ahead and renew this contract for services.   Should legal confirm that it does not have any severability clauses that will tie us to paying that contract fully out if we do not use them. Chair Lampe asked if they wanted a motion today. Chair Groskurth stated the contract was up in July and so we do have time to get the legal opinion by the July meeting and approve it then. There was no travel requests received.

Governance Committee –   Chair Younie reported that he would be speaking from the handout he distributed. The first page has Governance committee members. Page 2 and 3 cover current and future work of the Governance committee. This is a document written by SWIC Allen. At the June meeting dealt with item 1. Pages 4, 5 and 6 are the policy statement that was discussed last month in detail. Page 7, 8, 9 & 10 are that same policy statement that is split up with line numbers in order to reference it as we discuss it. Page 11 is a document that shows the User Group standing committee and what its make-up is. Page 12 is an attempt to demonstrate where some of these items come from. This is meant to be an educational document on what the UGC is made up of and how it is set up.
The blue boxes are local users and those local users constitute about 82% of the local user group committee. Right now, we have three state users; they constitute about 14% of the committee. Right now there are no other state users or federal users and that is what the gray boxes are. In answer to a question at our committee meeting, three boxes there (light gray) are just to look symmetrical. There is no way of knowing how many people we will or will not have that constitute those positions. Given that, we will look at page 9. Page 9 and 10 talk the User Group committee and its establishment. On line 84, the Board established a standard User Group committee and it goes on to talk about the numbers and on page 10, lines 121 to 124 this is what the User Group committee does. The User Group committee may recommend to the Board on any matters regarding the statewide platform. That is broad right there. Then it has some suggestions that this committee can do. His prediction is that we are going to be hearing a lot from the User Group committee. The User Group committee and the Governance committee continue to work together to look at policies to develop protocols to help define some of these things and the specific one they are working on right now deals with page 9, line 103-106. They are going to come up with something that is useful, relative to these lines.   User agencies must demonstrate full time daily operational/interoperable use on interoperable platform as determined by Governance committee and then may apply in writing to the ISICS Chair for appointment to the committee. Right now, the goal for next month's Governance meeting is that a subcommittee has been formed of DSWIC Troyanovich, SWIC Allen, Chair Buffington and Chair Younie to deliver by the next Governance meeting some kind of a document that spells out what this means. In addition to that, we will tackle at the July meeting, starts with line 106 and continues to the next page. It talks about weighted methodologies for Chair Lampe considering Governance committee membership. Will be interesting to see how that works out. Chair Lampe stated this is a very tedious task and he appreciates the work Chair Younie has put into this.

Operations Committee – Chair Ted Kamatchus reported that following this Board meeting the Operations committee would be staying for a face-to-face meeting. The 2 topical areas they will go over will be the STR, where we are at and the methodology of upkeep, issuance, inventory and those type of things, and they are also going to discuss the public/private partnership subcommittee is going to go over its development and how they are going to select the people to be on this subcommittee. The only other thing he mentions is the new truck for STR trailers and that will be discussed under New Business.

Outreach Committee – Chair John Benson reported on the webinars with regard to the interoperability platform. There were 178 attendees out of the total of four webinars. They took 30 online questions during those sessions. Out of that, they are going to be developing an FAQ. He has assembled the questions, put them together, and got them out to the participants for answers. Some are network based and some are policy based. They will get them up on the website. If anyone wants to go back and look at it, it can be found on the Board website if you click on the YouTube logo it can be found on the Board's YouTube page. Outreach Specialist Shawn Wagner did a survey on that but he has not been able to look at it yet. It will give a view on some things that might need improvement or need included as we move to the technical phase. There will be two more dates coming in the future where there will be technical based briefings. Chair Benson recognized Shawn, Shweta, and Melvin Mercado who all helped get this webinar set up and make it work. It appears it was well received. Will take a look at the feedback from the surveys and make some changes to it. Dates have not been set yet for the technical webinars. Once those are completed the committee will take a look and based on the survey results, will figure out what gaps need filled in.

Shawn Wagner reported that the survey results overall were very positive. The download comment was received and there were a couple of technical things but they recovered rather quickly. The technology is new for everyone and they are learning as quickly as they can. The comments generally were "we want more". More updates, this platform works really well for us, our volunteers can see it, our full timers can see it. It was very positive. Have been trying to follow a very aggressive timeline to make sure the information is delivered as quickly as possible. Still working to schedule the technical webinars although the dates are still being finalized. We are trying to record the webinars so we get as pristine sound as possible. As far as outreach is concerned, still working on the WI school program. Shawn does not have a full update for that and will provide a full update at the next meeting. The website is going through a transition. The social media strategy they have been posting to YouTube and Flicker Channel, waiting for a couple more things before they push everything. He did post the video and received comment that they would like a link also on our website underneath the radio. Chair Lampe asked Shawn to go give an overview of the pilot project, the WI school. He explained this is 3 schools where they are working to set up dedicated, private, secure connection for public safety entities through DPS. The three schools are Marshalltown, Norwalk and Martensdale. Have been testing the download speeds at DPS, which are superior to what they receive in the field, up to 100 mega bit connections. Having that speed for public safety officials will be extremely beneficial. This is dedicated just for public safety officials.

Training and Exercise Committee – Jeff Swearngin reported that someone needs to step into the role of Chair for this committee. Chair Lampe stated it must be a Board member to chair the committee.

Technical Committee – Vice-chair Patrick Updike reported their committee met May 26 and the first item was P25LMR Fleet mapping, which is currently a work in progress and is nothing that will be finished overnight. Right now most of the time is being spent getting the systems set up for the NGA event in July so we are not really dealing with fleet mapping. We are in a holding pattern until this NGA event finalizes. There are upcoming DDR meetings that Vice-chair Updike will be attending. Also discussed the Interoperability channels NiFOG plan. He talked to Mike Drake with the Dept. of Corrections who is a member of LEATAC and he was in agreement the Technology committee should work with LEATAC in maintaining those rules governing interoperability channels, mutual aid channels, etc. It appears the Technology committee is going to plan to continue that idea and is seeking input from the Fire and EMS community regarding their interoperability in mutual aid channels so we can have them involved in the same type of setup as LEATAC. The only other thing that came up in all of this is IA Dept. of Public Health and who is acting on their behalf. They do act on an Edac system so how are they going to participate in all this with interoperability and being part of the P25 system. Vice-chair Updike stated they are outreaching to various people around the state to get their input and find out who's who and how they will be involved. Chair Lampe states that he does have a contact for IA Dept. of Public Health that he has not gotten back with yet to make sure we have somebody to represent. It is a work in progress.

Broadband Subcommittee – Jontell Harris reported the committee did not meet for the month of June. She stated the deadline for submitting the FirstNet RFP proposals was May 31 and the evaluation phase has begun. FirstNet is following the Federal procurement regulations which restrict their ability to discuss how many proposals were received and who submitted the proposals but the contract award is expected as soon as November 2016. The committee is working with FirstNet to coordinate the QPP meetings towards the end of the summer. The Iowa team will be comprised of five members of the FirstNet Broadband committee and the RIC members. Iowa is expecting to host that meeting and will keep the Board updated with the date for that. The next FirstNet Public/Private Partnership Summit will be held Thursday August 25, 2016 in the Grimes Building. They are again offering video conference abilities and they are currently securing panelists. There will be more updates on that next month. The next meeting for the committee is Tuesday July 5 at the Oran Pape Building.

Other Reports – Jim Lundsted was on the conference line and reminded the Board there was a technical assistance project for 911 that the lead has reached back out to Blake and to SWIC Allen and others to try to see if we can get the 911 workshop rescheduled. They also have begun taking applications for the All Hazards Communications Technician Train the Trainer class that will be held in West Des Moines in September. He did attend a very good Project 25 User Needs subcommittee meeting in Kansas City where the success stories about Project 25 Wide Area Systems was shared with the Kansas City Metropolitan Radio System and the state of Missouri system links via ISSI and plans for interstate connection between Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee, Illinois and perhaps a future link to Iowa were briefed. If anyone is interested, he can get the slide deck to them.

Carole Lund-Smith stated that she attended the Western Iowa Supervisor Group meeting. The Western Iowa Supervisor Group meeting, apparently a mailing was made to the engineer's office rather than the point of contact there regarding towers and things like that (Page County). The group asked Carole to have the Board ensure that mailings or contact

actually go to those agencies or points of contact so they at least aware of what are happening in their county.

Melvin Mercado ISICS Motorola Project Director gave the Motorola Project update with his power point presentation. He stated this has been the busiest month of all so far. Actions that have been taken are:

1. Completion of the installation of the first ISICS core;
2. Westcom has been cutover to ISICS;
3. Have installed and powered up the Des Moines simulcast cell and it is operational (wide area trunking).
4. There are two simulcast cells on the platform, which means that folks connected with the Des Moines simulcast cell can talk directly to folks that are connected to the Westcom cell.
5. Was also able to establish the Des Moines dispatch at JFHQ and its operational. It is operational and parallel with the existing dispatch center that is there. They are running concurrently together as to not affect operations at DPS right now but the plan is to eventually switch everyone over to be on the platform side of the dispatch center.
6. There is a special location they will use for NGA and that is operational as well. There are two dedicated operator positions that are placed in a strategic place linked back to the core.
7. Unity Point is also operational.
8. They have spent a great deal of time with the outreach team supporting the ISICS policy webinar. He also reviewed the site development detailed design review.
9. They were focused on identifying sites and doing the A & E visits. They are up at 94% and 91%.
10. They are spending a lot of focus on the NEPA (Greenfield), SHPO (variable) and migratory path for birds. Greenfield means building something new, mostly towers. Must go through the NEPA for any form of construction. They are looking at doing that for 46 sites. NEPOSs dictate what they do with SHPOs and migratory bird public notice. Will also be focusing on the Structural analysis and Modification analysis. If the tower passes the Structural analysis, it does not need a Modification analysis. 69 sites are in process for final CDs. The paperwork takes time. In reality the final CDs refers to the pre-construction phase.
11. The pre-construction phase is the slow piece and it is long. After the pre-construction phase is complete, the construction can start. Once the paperwork is complete and permits in place, they can get the construction done very quickly.
12. Last time he updated they had 29 sites that had zoning issues, now they are down to either 19 or 16 sites. The fewer sites they have to deal with zoning, the better it is for the project.
13. Actions items: next week they will have the engineering DDR focusing on the structure and design of the system. This will be three full days in downtown Des Moines. System optimization is to continue, fine-tuning the combiners. Will be doing NGA training in June. It will be in 2 pieces, dispatching and radios and the Wave and GPS. For the NGA they will be providing the capability of a feature called WAVE, an application that is loaded on your phone. There is a core group of people who have the WAVE application on their phone right now. It is not connected to the trunk system yet. Coordination with the Dallas county project, at some point will be connecting this to the core as well. Right now it is just the dispatch like Unity Point but at some point will be connecting to the core as well. Will be doing an ISICS technical webinar support.

Old Business –   Chair Lampe reported that we do have a letter of intent from Dallas County that he received last week and he forwarded it to the chair of the UGC. Woodbury County's MOA is also a work in progress. Their letter of intent is in a draft stage for the MOA and his addendum to that MOA, they are working through that. Woodbury County has a meeting next Monday with their Board to discuss the ISICS system.

New Business – Chair Lampe wanted to bring to Board's attention on the truck for the STR that we always have trouble especially with the central trailer; it takes a little time to get a truck to pull the trailers. It is always our biggest challenge. He spoke with Chair Younie about possibly going to the DOT auction and get a used truck that we could have. He cannot see trying to buy a new truck and maybe we could purchase one from the DOT auction at a good price that we could assign to that central trailer or the west or east for that matter. He would like to send that to the Operations committee to research and get back to the Board. He says there is one truck there right now that we could probably purchase. Chair Younie stated that they are holding that truck. It is a 1-ton vehicle.

Chair Lampe announced that he has talked with SWIC Allen regarding the ISSI. An ISSI is a solution for part of our RFP and part of our contract and we want to make sure we use that solution the best and most effective way we can. In order to do that, he would like to form a committee with the SWIC chairing that committee and the vice-chair will be Bob von Wolffradt, the State CIO. He is tasking those two with getting this committee assigned and moving. We do have funds available in our account for research into that solution if we choose to use those. SWIC Allen and Bob von Wolffradt need to research and see how much funds they will need and what research they would use that for. Working with the Finance committee to see what we need to spend on that. It is a very important solution. The goal of the committee is to see how best we can research to solution because we are after interoperability in this state. That is interoperability with everyone and systems and that is what ISSI provides is connecting into other systems. There is lots of way to do it and there are pros and cons on doing that so that committee would be charged with the best way to use that. He also asks that the committee research into PSIC grants that were issued by this Board in 2009 and 2010 that the Board issued over 9 or 10 million dollars to counties for interoperability through the PSIC Grant program. Some of those applications that he has looked for and looked through, those entities that did receive money indicated that part of their package would be connecting to the future statewide 700 MHz system. Therefore, he would ask that committee to research those applications and get not only the people that applied for those monies and received monies, approach and see how the process is going to be and now that it is here, how are we going to work through to get it to work. He would like to have that by May of 2017 if he could. A recommendation to the Board on how to use that solution unless that solution needs to be decided quicker through Motorola. In the process of building this network then we need to make a decision before that we can work with Motorola on that. He does not anticipate that being a problem by having a recommendation by May. He does not think that through our contract we need to identify how we are going to use that this summer or fall because we are not close to having the system operational. The committee will report every month to the Board.

Public Comments –   DHS OEC Regional Representative Jim Lundsted commented regarding ISSI. He would urge that we use contacts through SWIC Allen with the Federal Partnership for Interoperable Communications (FPIC) to remain tuned in to how that is being used in other areas. It represents many technological capabilities and many challenges. Timelines is excellent but there will be some good lessons learned with interstate as well as

intersystem use within the next year. He also wanted to compliment the Board on Outreach. Rob Dehnert and Patrick Updike on a recent FCC decision in which there was an erroneous statement about the use of 800 MHz in interoperability frequencies perhaps being mandated to be narrow banded. They called this to his attention as a concern. When he reached out to FCC, they realized they had misquoted one of the parts of the statement and they issued a correction so the work of the Iowa Board members was very much appreciated. He also commented that regarding NEPO SHPA and migratory birds, we need to keep in mind those at FirstNet will find exactly these same issues as we being building a nationwide Public Safety broadband network. That network is not exempt from the same requirements that we are dealing with in attempting to build the LMR system so the future is bright but the future does have some regulatory challenges ahead of it. Chair Lampe asked Jim if he would be interested on being on the ISSI committee with SWIC Allen and the CIO. Jim stated that he would be happy to serve on that committee. Chair Lampe stated there are some great contacts through the TIA that SWIC Allen sits on. There are some in the TIA that use the ISSI.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Ellen Hagen, seconded by John Benson. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM